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North Riding of Yorkshire.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December 1946.

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Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1946.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(1) One Medical Officer of Health (Part time).
(2) One Sanitary Inspector (part time).
(3) One Waterworks Manager (whole time).

On the resignation of Mr J. Lambert who served the Council as part time Sanitary Inspector for 16½ years, the Council appointed a whole time Sanitary Inspector in the person of Mr J. F. Dunning who took over his duties on the 1st October 1946.

Mr Dunning also acts as Surveyor and Meat Inspector.

STATISTICS.

Area	43302 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1946)	6682.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1946) according to Rate Books	1946.
Rateable Value of the Area	£36993.
Sum represented by a penny rate...	£150.2.2½
Number of new houses	2.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS:	Total.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	117.	54	63	Birth Rate: 19.15
Illegitimate.	11	5	6	

STILLBIRTHS:				
Legitimate.	4	3	1	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births: 37.5
Illegitimate.	1	1	-	

DEATHS:	82	35	47	Death Rate per 1000of the estimated resident population 12.27

DEATHS FROM MATERNAL CAUSES: One.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

All infants per 1000 live births 31.2
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births. 34.1
No illegitimate infants under one year of age died during the year.

DEATHS from CANCER (all ages)		13
" " MEASLES (all ages)		-
" " WHOOPING COUGH (all ages)		-
" " DIARRHOEA (under 2 years of age)		-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There have been no changes or developments in the undermentioned services during the year:

(a) Laboratory facilities.
(b) Ambulance services.
(c) Clinics and treatment Centres.
(d) Nursing in the home.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

1. The water supply in the whole area has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.
2. Samples of water have been examined for bacteriological and chemical analyses. All these were found to be very satisfactory.
3. Particulars of the number of dwelling houses and the number of population supplied from public water mains:

	A. Direct to houses	B. By stand pipe.
Ainderby Miers.	-	-
Aiskew.	200	27
Bedale.	285	26
Burneston.	57	-
Burrill.	23	-
Carthorpe.	73	2
Clifton.	-	-
Crakehall.	80	10
East Tanfield.	7	-
Exelby, Leeming.	135	-
Firby.	13	-
Gatenby.	11	-
Hackforth.	29	-
Howgrave.	2	-
Killerby.	9	-
Kirkby Fleetham.	100	4
Kirklington.	42	2
Langthorne.	12	6
Rookwith.	-	-
Scruton.	55	2
Snape.	82	-
Sutton Howgrave.	18	3
Theakston.	12	6
Thirn.	16	-
Thornton Watlass.	44	-
Well.	62	-
West Tanfield.	84	-
TOTAL.	1451	88

4. 64 Connections to private houses and farms have been taken from our mains during the year.
5. Daily consumption approximately 350000 gallons.

DRAINS AND SEWERS.

At the village of Hackforth a length of 150 feet of new sewer was laid to replace a sewer of land tiles which had perished.

No work of major importance was carried out on the Sewerage Service.

Most of the sewerage arrangements in the villages are antiquated and inadequate and as soon as conditions permit the Council hopes to bring these services up to date.

SCAVENGING.

There has been no change in this service which is carried out by private contract.

HOUSING.

Two new houses were completed during the year. Both were built by private enterprise.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MEAT continues to be supplied from the abbatoir at Northallerton where it is inspected before distribution.

MILK. Most of the milk produced in the Area is sent to the Dairy at Northallerton . There are 150 registered premises in the Area and 52 retail milk sellers.

The testing of samples of milk is carried out by the County Authorities.

Routine inspections of the cowsheds and premises where milk is produced have been made during the year by your Sanitary Inspector.

SCHOOL CANTEENS.

Ten of the thirteen schools in the Area are now provided with Canteens where the children can obtain excellent dinners.

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1946.

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES.
Scarlet Fever.	2
Diphtheria.	1
Measles.	8
Pneumonia.	4

TUBERCULOSIS. New cases and Mortality during the year 1946.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES. Respiratory.		NEW CASES. Non-Respiratory.		DEATHS. Respiratory.		DEATHS. Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-				
1	-	-	-	-				
5	-	-	1	-				
15	-	-	-	1	No Deaths			
25	-	-	-	-	occurred from			
35	-	-	-	-	Tuberculosis			
45	-	-	-	-	during 1946			
55	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-				
TOTALS	-	-	1	1				

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN W. HANSELL.

Medical Officer of Health.